others. The vessel was driven by storms far out of her course, and was wrecked upon an Island, not far from the mainland of America, off the mouth of the River Orinoco, though at the time neither Crusoe nor anyone else on board knew where it was. The ship's company attempted to make land in their boat, but in the heavy sea the boat was swamped, and they all perished with the single exception of Robinson Crusoe, who after a hard struggle with the waves, and much battering by the rocks, managed to drae himself to shore.

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I was now landed and safe on shore, and Began to look up and thank God that my life was saved. I walked about, lifting up my hands, and my whole being, as I may say, reflecting upon all my comrades that were drowned, and that there should not be one •soul saved but myself; for, as for them, I never saw them afterwards, or any sign of then^ except three of their hats, one cap, and two shoes that were not fellows.

I cast my to the stranded vessel, when the breach and froth of the sea being so big, I could hardly see it, it lay so far off,

and
considered how was it possible I could get on shore.

But when I began to look round me to see